

ANNA HUNT, ADMINISTRATRIX.

JANUARY 19, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. NEILL, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1136.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1136) for the relief of Anna Hunt, administratrix of George F. Hunt, deceased, report that they concur in the conclusions embodied in the report of this committee in the Fifty-third Congress (a copy thereof being hereto attached as part of this report), and recommend the passage of the bill.

[House Report No. 77, Fifty-third Congress, first session.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 874) for the relief of Anna Hunt, administratrix of George F. Hunt, late of Jefferson County, Miss., as found due by the Court of Claims under the act of March 3, 1883, report as follows:

This claim was referred to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts under the provisions of the act known as the Bowman Act, approved March 3, 1883.

Said claim has been returned with a report, which is as follows:

[Court of Claims. Congressional, No. 6568. George F. Hunt's administrator *vs.* The United States.

This case, being a claim for supplies or stores alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, the court, on a preliminary inquiry, finds that George F. Hunt, the person alleged to have furnished such supplies or stores, or from whom the same are alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

BY THE COURT.

Filed November 3, 1890.

[Court of Claims. Congressional case No. 6568. Anna Hunt, administratrix of the estate of George F. Hunt, deceased, *vs.* The United States.]

At a Court of Claims, held in the city of Washington on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1891, the court filed the following findings of fact, to-wit:

FINDINGS OF FACT.

The claim or matter in the above-entitled case was transmitted to the court by the House of Representatives of the United States by resolution of the 30th day of September, 1890.

Gilbert Moyers, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by J. C. Chaney, esq., his assistant and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

The case was argued and submitted the 24th day of March, 1891. It is alleged by the plaintiff in her petition that during the late war the United States forces, by proper authority, took from said George F. Hunt quartermaster stores and commis-

sary supplies of the value of \$51,940, and appropriated the same to the use of the United States Army, as follows:

<i>Items.</i>	
2 horses	\$850
3 horses	500
2 horses	200
98 cattle	3,000
120 sheep	480
21 mules	2,000
10 horses	1,000
2 horses	500
1 Shetland pony	150
12 mares	1,800
1 stallion	1,500
14 colts, 1, 2, and 3 years old	1,400
4 mules	800
6 oxen	300
60 cattle	1,800
40 sheep	120
50 hogs	500
2,000 barrels of corn	2,000
76 mules	15,200
46 horses	8,500
12 colts, 1, 2, and 3 years old	1,200
30 oxen	1,500
36 cows	1,440
80 cattle	2,400
2,000 hogs	2,000
1 stallion	800
Total	51,940

The court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, find the facts to be as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT.

I.

George F. Hunt, and Anna Hunt, his wife, and their children were loyal to the Government of the United States throughout the late war.

II.

George F. Hunt was the owner of three plantations in Mississippi, one in Jefferson County and two in Issaquena (now Sharkey) County; the total area of these plantations was 5,400 acres, of which about 2,400 acres were in cultivation.

III.

George F. Hunt died in November, 1863, leaving a widow and four children. The oldest of the children was then 13 years of age.

IV.

The claim was presented to the commissioners of claims, where the amount claimed was reduced to \$10,000 (under the rule), as claimants had not sufficient means to bring witnesses to Washington.

V.

There were taken from the said plantations, by the military forces of the United States during the late war, quartermaster supplies which were appropriated to army use as follows:

In the spring of 1863 supplies reasonably worth the sum of \$12,875.

In the autumn of 1864 supplies reasonably worth the sum of \$6,570, giving a total loss of \$19,445.

BY THE COURT.

Filed April 6, 1891.

A true copy.

Test, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1892.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Your committee, therefore, report the accompanying bill for the payment of the amount found due by the Court of Claims and recommend its passage.